

REMARKS

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-12 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being directed to an invention not patentably distinct from claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,197,308 issued on March 6, 2001.

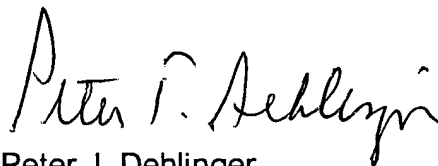
A Terminal Disclaimer prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c) is enclosed. The signed Terminal Disclaimer obviates the above obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4401.

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